

BALANCES.

LETTER

FROM

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A List of Balances on the books of the Second Auditor, which have remained unsettled more than three years.

DECEMBER 8, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Comptroller's Office, December 6, 1834.

SIR: In compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 3d March, 1809, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," and of the act passed the 3d March, 1817, entitled "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts," I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a statement of the accounts which have remained unsettled, or on which balances appear to have been due more than three years prior to the 30th September, 1834, on the books of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, together with a copy of his letter which accompanied said statement.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOS. ANDERSON, *Comptroller.*

HON. JOHN BELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Auditor's Office, December 5, 1834.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, a statement of the accounts which have remained unsettled, or on which balances appear

to have been due more than three years prior to the 30th of September, 1834, furnished in pursuance of the 2d section of the act of Congress passed the 3d of March, 1809, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments."

It being also required by an act of Congress of the 3d of March, 1817, entitled "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts," that a list of officers be exhibited who have failed to settle their accounts for advances made within the year terminating on the 30th September, 1833, I have to state that, in this office, no officer has failed to make the settlement required by law.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WM. B. LEWIS.

JOS. ANDERSON, Esquire,

First Comptroller of the Treasury.

STATEMENT of the accounts which have remained unsettled, or on which balances appear to have been due more than three years prior to the 30th September, 1834, as appears from the books of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, furnished in pursuance of the second section of the act of Congress passed the 3d of March, 1809, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments."

Names and rank.	Delinquences, when incurred.		Remarks by the Second Auditor.	Remarks by the Solicitor of the Treasury.
	Between the 4th March, 1809, and the 3d Mar. 1817.	Between the 4th March, 1817, and 30th Sept., 1831.		
Daniel Bussard, - Late contractor.	-	\$3,449 58	Transcript furnished the Solicitor of the Treasury the 13th November, 1832.	Not reported for suit.
William Broddus, - Late paymaster.	-	288 13	Reported for suit December 13, 1830.	A distress warrant for the amount of this claim is in the hands of Benjamin Reeder, late marshal, who was instructed on the 16th September, 1834, to proceed without further delay to collect said claim.
Robert Brent, - Late paymaster general.	\$78,541 66	1821 -	Reported for suit May 4, 1820.	Dead. Estate insolvent. Suit ordered March 29, 1821, against Joseph Pearson and Robert Y. Brent, trustees, for \$166,625 92, as follows, viz: for balance on Second Auditor's books, \$115,714 74. For ditto on Third Auditor's books, \$50,911 18. The property of the late paymaster general was sold under a decree of chancery. Balances reduced by subsequent settlements to \$94,284 48, viz: balance on Second Auditor's books, \$78,541 66. Ditto Third Auditor's books, \$15,742 82. Some further payments expected.

STATEMENT—Continued.

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	Between the 4th March, 1809, and the 3d Mar. 1817.	Between the 4th March, 1817, and 30th Sept., 1831.		
Juvenile Delinquent Society of New York.	-	\$4,000	Reported for suit June 30, 1831.	Judgment June term, 1832, for \$5,892 66 and costs. Execution stayed by District Judge.
John Hall, - Late paymaster.	\$28,219 88	-	Reported for suit August 9, 1820.	Marshal's return August, 1834. Principal insolvent; released by the President. Judgment in favor of sureties reversed in the Supreme Court. This case is again for trial in the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia.
J. D. Hayden, - Late paymaster.	-	1,354 83	Reported for suit April 22, 1829.	Suit ordered April 24, 1829, against administrators and sureties. Judgment June term, 1834, against administrators for \$1,857 34, with interest from the 28th June, 1834, till paid, and costs. Reported by district attorney to be insolvent. The suits against the sureties are still pending.
J. B. Hogan, - Late paymaster.	-	5,504 88	Reported for suit May 14, 1821.	Property conveyed to secure this claim.
G. W. Murray, of New York.	11,279 12	-	Reported for suit July 15, 1820.	Verdict for plaintiffs February, 1825, for \$5,503 80. Mr. Murray has entered into an arrangement with the Ordnance Department for a return of the lead, by instalments, which was some years ago loaned to him. The district attorney was instructed February 20,

John H. Mallory, Late paymaster.	-	-	2,755 24	Reported for suit February 4, 1827.	1830, to dismiss the suit in this case, upon payment of costs by Mr. Murray. Judgment against principal, who is represented to be insolvent. Suit pending against his sureties. Debt considered safe.
R. C. Nicholas, Late Indian Agent.	-	-	38,995 80	Reported for suit July 14, 1823.	Distress warrant issued in this case, under which \$1,835 14 has been recovered by the marshal. Balance of debt desperate.
Daniel Parker, - Late paymaster general.	-	-	2,337 60	Reported for suit December 19, 1824.	Judgment against defendant, who appealed to the Supreme Court. Execution awarded on a mandate from the Supreme Court. Wrote to district attorney October 10, 1833, for further information. No answer yet received.
John Philbrick, - Late captain 7th infantry.	-	-	49 94	Reported for suit December 4, 1829.	Judgment June term, 1830, for \$51 43. Execution in the hands of Anthony Campbell, late Marshal, who has made no return. The district attorney has been written to on the subject.
E. W. Ripley, - Late major general.	-	-	9,449 70	Reported for suit April 10, 1821.	Verdict for defendant May term, 1830; bill of exceptions taken. Wrote to district attorney October 15, 1830, to take out a writ of error, that the principle involved in this case may be settled in the Supreme Court of the United States.
Wheeler & Morrison, Late contractors.	-	2,570 75	-	Reported for suit November 13, 1820.	Principal insolvent. Proceedings against sureties suspended March 9, 1833, until the close of the next session of Congress. The district attorney has been written to on the subject.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *Second Auditor's Office*, December 5, 1834.

W. B. LEWIS.

WASHINGTON BRIDGE.

LETTER

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

*Information in relation to the construction of the Washington Bridge
across the Potomac.*

December 3, 1857.

WASH. and DIST. CO. 1857.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

December 3, 1857.

Sir: In response to a resolution passed the 21st day of June last, providing for the construction of a bridge across the Potomac River, between this city and Alexandria, to the Department instructions were taken for its fulfillment. Numerous proposals were early received, and a contract has been made, and well executed, which is now in the course of execution in a manner satisfactory to the department, and under which it is anticipated, the new bridge will be substantially finished by the 1st of November next, and at an expense considerably less than the amount appropriated. The particulars on this subject will be found in the report of the engineer. (A.) In regard to the claim in that an appropriation to defray the losses sustained by the person who had made a verbal contract, incurred expenses in the preparation of plans, the making of a different model, the department has made every effort in its power into the real extent and nature of his claims, and has been thereon the sum of \$7,164.10, as will more fully appear in the statement annexed. (B.) It will be seen that he still maintains a claim for an equitable right to more money; but, until he succeeds in that, no further appropriation will be necessary to meet it, as the balance now on hand for the object is nearly \$17,000.

The correspondence and evidence in detail on this subject will be furnished whenever desired.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LEVI WOODBURY,

Secretary of the Treasury.

To the Hon. John P. Barks,

Speaker of the House of Reps. U. S.

